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—via **@windycityevnts**

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What’s that smell?

A polling company recently surveyed 4,000 people in Britain and asked them what smells make them most happy. RedEye wanted to supplement the list with Chicagoans’ favorite smells, so we asked our social media followers to weigh in. The biggest surprise? Two votes for asphalt. Here is the list from **onepoll.com** and RedEye’s (highly unscientific) addition. **SCOTT KLEINBERG, REDEYE**

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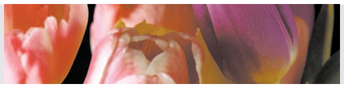
Fresh flowers		4		Freshly baked/ baking bread
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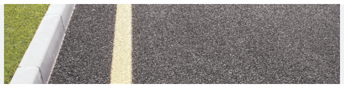
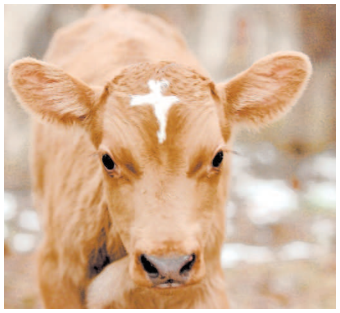
Vanilla		7		Asphalt
Chocolate		8		Fresh grass/ mown grass
Fish and chips		9		Deep dish pizza
Bacon frying		10		Chicago dogs

Stranger than fiction

Sometimes the news is just too weird to pass up. **AP**

Guilty conscience much?

TOLEDO, Ohio A book has been mailed back to an Ohio library after six decades, accompanied by an anonymous letter of remorse. The biography “Napoleon” by Emil Ludwig recently arrived at Toledo’s main library, with a brief note that read: “I removed this book from your stacks in 1949 and did not check it out. I apologize. It’s an excellent book and in good condition.”



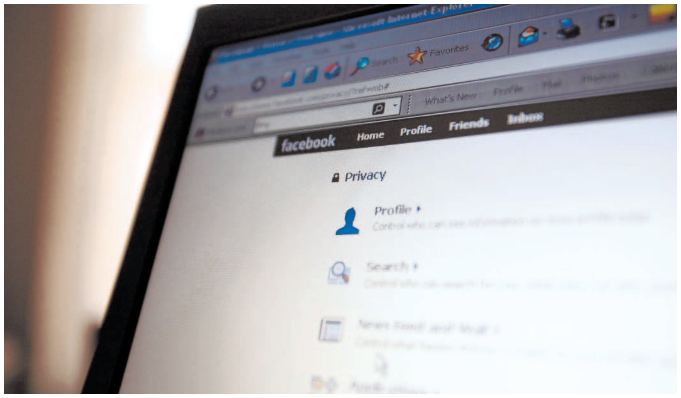
Holy cow!

STERLING, Conn. Call it a divine bovine? A calf with a white marking on its forehead in the approximate shape of a cross was born last week at a dairy farm in Sterling, Conn., a small rustic town on the Rhode Island border. Owner Brad Davis tells WFSB-TV he thinks the marking may be a message from above, though he’s still trying to figure out what that message might be.

Cover those tats

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. John Allen Ditullio is a walking billboard for the neo-Nazi movement: a large 6-inch swastika tattooed under his right ear, barbed wire inked down the right side of his face, and an extreme and very personal vulgarity scrawled on one side of his neck.

Jurors will never see any of it. A judge has ruled that the state must pay a cosmetologist up to $150 a day during Ditullio’s trial on murder and attempted murder charges and apply makeup to cover up the black ink.



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PRIVATE PRACTICE

Facebook requiring users to revisit security settings

Associated Press

NEW YORK Facebook is changing its privacy settings to give users more control over who sees the information they post on their personal pages.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
Read RedEye columnist Stephen Markley’s column on Facebook privacy at **redeyechicago.com**.

Beginning Wednesday, the networking Web site is taking the rare step of requiring its more than 350 million users to review and update their privacy settings. The new controls are designed to simplify the cumbersome privacy controls that have confounded many users. Facebook hopes the changes make people comfortable sharing even more information.

Facebook said the changes are based on user feedback—though it remains to be seen whether the shift will mean fewer surprises for people who have unintentionally shared photos with their bosses.

As part of the changes, Facebook users will be able to select a privacy setting for each piece of content, such as photos or updates, that they share on the site—as they share it. The choices are “friends” only, “friends of friends” or “everyone,” which means not just Facebook users but everyone on the Internet. (The exception: Minors won’t be able to share their content with everyone. For people under 18, the “everyone” setting will send information to “friends of friends.”)

There also is an option to customize groups of friends—such as “college buddies”—for certain kinds of updates.

Jules Polonetsky, co-chairman and director at the Future of Privacy Forum think tank in Washington, praised how the process resembles the way people decide what to share in their day-to-day lives. He said putting the controls “when you need it, right there, is far better than putting it in a ‘privacy’ or ‘help’ location” somewhere on the site.

Facebook said that until now only 15 percent to 20 percent of its users have customized their privacy settings.

Now Facebook will be asking users to review and alter their settings through a tool that explains the changes. People will be able to keep their old settings or take recommendations from Facebook that are largely based on how they’ve configured their information.

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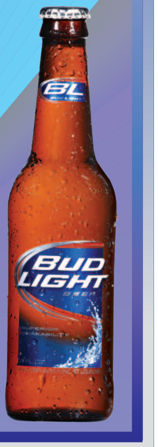

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Life is like an open inbox

Here's how you know if you're in a long-term relationship destined to go the distance: You have access to your significant other's e-mail inbox—and it disgusts you.

Too unruly, too tidy, too many messages from Tiger. Whichever the case, every glimpse at his or her inbox has you praying they'll soon launch Google Swat Team to handle such matters.

Let's talk about my wife, shall we? Her e-mail inbox is the virtual equivalent of a kitchen where food's been left out so long even the mice have second thoughts.

I'm looking at her inbox right now and she has 17,038 messages, 7,123 of which are *unread*, 893 of which are from me. (Hold on, let me reply to one of her friends' messages pretending I'm her. OK, there, done.)

Most of my dreams in life vanquished, one of the few remaining is that I'll be offered a federal grant and a sabbatical from my job so I can work on returning my wife's inbox to some degree of respectability, set up the necessary filters, finally send the requested online donation to the Kerry campaign ...

On the flipside, she's no more fond of my inbox. Something of a mess in the real world—see the description of the kitchen above—I treat my inbox like it's a precious bonsai tree, with the constant Zen-like pruning required. And with my recent purchase of an iPhone, I can now do such Zen-like pruning at the dinner table!

We try to stay out of each other's inboxes, but sometimes you hop on the computer at home and ... there that godforsaken inbox is. You want to e-mail her terms for divorce, but you know she'll never open it.

But, ultimately, all of this mutual anger and disappointment is, to my mind, a good thing—the sign of a relationship that works, of a healthy marriage built on trust and needless nitpicking.

My wife has let me into every corner of her world, even the password-protected ones, and the worst I can say about that world is that it has a horrific e-mail inbox that should be taken away immediately and given to someone who truly deserves an e-mail account and wants one under someone else's name.

The unhealthy relationships are the ones where seeing your partner's e-mail inbox is strictly forbidden, as if each is too embarrassed by his own spam.

Then the other end of the spectrum—and no healthier—are those couples who *share* an e-mail address. "Hi, it's Cindy and Frank! We're e-mailing you together!"

Why do they do that? Don't they know that e-mail addresses are free? And that nobody can stand Frank?

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CTA RIDERS SOUND OFF

In August, the CTA instituted a zero-tolerance policy regarding operators using personal cell phones and other electronic devices. RedEye hit the streets to ask riders what they think of that policy. **STEPHANIE LULAY, REDEYE**

“On any job, you wouldn’t be able to use your cell phone. It’s unacceptable. It’s the same as driving a car.”

—LINDSAY ARNOLD, 29, LAKEVIEW

“I can’t even text on the job, and I just work in a retail store. It’s an important job, and they don’t need to be distracted.”

—RENEE KUHL, 21, LAKEVIEW

“I think it’s ridiculous for operators to use their cell phones. They have a lot of lives in their hands operating a train.”

—KEN YOUN, 19, DEERFIELD

“They should focus more on the tracks than their phones. Lives aren’t worth sending a text message.”

—NICO CARRIZALES, 19, MIDWAY

“I think that’s fair. You’ve got people’s lives you’re taking care of—talk on your break. If I was on a train, I wouldn’t want my operator using their cell phone.”

—ASHLEY HENDON, 39, SOUTH SIDE

“I think it’s a good policy. You can get fined for talking on a cell phone while operating a vehicle in Chicago. Why should this be any different?

—VIN VILLANUEVA, 30, WEST TOWN

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INSTRUCTOR

William Dorsey, a CTA bus driver for 34 years, says he was wrongly accused of using his cell phone while on duty. At his CTA discharge hearing, Dorsey produced his itemized phone bill showing the phone was inactive at the time of the alleged violation. He is back at work. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

IN OTHER CTA NEWS ...

CTA lands giant ad contract

The CTA is guaranteed to receive at least $80 million over five years under a new advertising contract that the transit agency’s board approved Wednesday.

The contract with Titan Outdoor LLC, for print and digital ads throughout the CTA system, could generate as much as $195.9 million for the transit agency if all contract options were exercised and revenue was maximized, officials said, cautioning that such a total is not expected in light of economic indicators.

Still, the anticipated advertising revenue will help the cash-strapped CTA, which plans to implement service cuts and lay off more than 1,100 employees early next year if a combination of new funding and concessions from labor unions fails to materialize to close a budget deficit.

Under the ad contract, Titan must recoup all costs associated with buying and installing digital displays, through money generated from digital ads, before the CTA begins receiving its share of guaranteed revenue from a portion of the contract. **TRIBUNE**

DROPPING CALLERS

CTA FIRES 11 EMPLOYEES FOR USING CELL PHONES, OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON THE JOB

Chicago Tribune

Ten CTA bus drivers and one rail employee have been fired in the last four months for violating the transit agency's new zero-tolerance rule banning the use of personal cell phones and other electronic devices while on duty, according to records obtained by the Tribune.

In addition, 13 bus drivers were suspended without pay based on significant yet disputable evidence against them since the new tougher policy was implemented in August to discourage and punish distracted driving, transit officials said.

In 27 other cases, the evidence supplied failed to support the charges, leading to no action taken against the employees, officials said.

CTA President Richard Rodriguez said he implemented the new tougher rule, amid similar action by other U.S. transit systems, in the wake of a September 2008 accident on the L.A.-based Metrolink system. A Metrolink engineer was sending a text message shortly before he ran through a red signal and crashed into a freight train in Chatsworth, Calif. The engineer and 24 passengers died and 135 passengers were injured.

Rodriguez also said he witnessed too many CTA employees disregarding the prior policy.

But the mixed results in enforcing the policy have prompted some CTA bus drivers and their labor union to accuse transit officials of overreaching in an effort to step up disciplinary measures.

"I agree that using a cell phone while driving is a dangerous situation, but the CTA is going crazy with its zero-tolerance rule," said 34-year veteran bus driver William Dorsey, who said he was wrongly accused of committing a violation.

Dorsey was cited by a CTA manager on Oct. 29 for allegedly using his personal cell phone while driving a No. 6 Jackson Park Express bus at 67th Street and South Shore Drive.

"The general manager of customer service said she saw me with my hand on my face and, therefore, I must have been using a cell phone," he said, adding that his cell phone was in his pocket.

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SEE SOMETHING?

The CTA customer service number is 888-968-7282. E-mails can be sent to **feedback@transitchicago.com**.

At his CTA discharge hearing, Dorsey produced his itemized phone bill from U.S. Cellular showing that the phone was inactive at the time of the alleged violation. He was returned to work on Nov. 19, but he lost 13 days of salary while on unpaid suspension, he said. In addition, a final resolution of his case is still pending, Dorsey said.

CTA officials declined to discuss specifics of Dorsey's case, although transit agency spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said it is customary that employees who are cleared of violations receive back-pay.

A notable result of the new policy is the number of complaints, reported by the public as well as by CTA personnel, has decreased significantly since Aug. 5, when the tougher rule prohibiting the use—or even possession, in the case of rail employees—of personal cell phones and other electronic devices while on the job took effect.

The new strict standard appears to have had the effect of convincing would-be violators that the CTA takes extremely seriously the danger of operating buses and trains while on the phone, text-messaging or listening to music, among other distractions.

Some 297 complaints were filed in the first seven months of the year, averaging 42 per month. Only 69 complaints were received from Aug. 5 through November, averaging 17 per month, records show.

"We continue to encourage customers to call and report violations," Taylor said. "They should provide the bus or train number and route, the run number, the employee badge number, if possible, and the day and time of the incident."

In addition to the 10 CTA bus drivers fired and 13 suspended, one bus driver has been recommended for dismissal, three others are under investigation and two bus operators received written warnings as a result of evidence that generally supported the allegations, officials said.

Meanwhile, one train operator has been recommended for discharge, while the cases against two others remain under investigation, officials said.

Identifying violators is more difficult among rail employees because train operators are closeted inside the cab compartments. Also, the CTA issues company cell phones, in addition to communication radios, to train operators working in the Red and Blue Line subways.

Train operators, rail maintenance workers and rail-station customers assistants are prohibited from using or possessing personal cell phones, smart phones, personal digital assistants such as BlackBerrys, mp3 planers, wireless headsets or any other electronic device.

MORE ONLINE

Tune in Thursday to redeyechicago.com to discuss this story on RedEye's "Going Public" blog. You also can check in with CTA beat reporter Tracy Swartz any time at redeyechicago.com/goingpublic.

BAN BACKGROUND

A five-step disciplinary process for handling a variety of safety violations was revamped in the zero-tolerance policy, making violators of the ban on electronic devices eligible for dismissal after one offense. Before the change in August, no bus drivers and only one rail employee had been fired this year for violating the old ban against using electronic devices, according to CTA records.

THE HEAT IS ON

Landlords fight tenants, couples feud over thermostat settings

Chicago Tribune

The onset of freezing temperatures in Chicago marks the start of winter heat wars. The battlefield is the thermostat, and victory is control of the temperature inside as the chilling wind whips against the windows. What's toasty for some is stifling for others, and the result can be tears, arguments and complaints to the city.

The routine is all too familiar for Meredith Breuer and her fiance, Eric Spitz. Breuer gets home from work about 5:30 p.m. to find the thermostat at 62 degrees, what she considers arctic. Spitz, who arrives home to their Wrigleyville apartment first, tells her, "Put on a coat; wear a blanket."

Sometimes she gets her way by pouting, and he allows her to ratchet up the heat to 70 or 71. Other times, they end up arguing over whose lap gets warmed by Winston, their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Not too far away, Hugo Hernandez, 25, lives with his mother, who keeps the temperature of their Melrose Park apartment hovering around 75 degrees, much too warm for his taste.

"I try to stay out of the apartment as much as possible," he said. "I hate it."

As a predicted cold snap promises to chill bones across Chicagoland, fierce thermostat battles also are being waged between tenants and landlords.

Many older rental buildings still have old-school boilers or furnaces that don't allow for personal command of the temperature. In many cases the landlord prefers, for budget reasons, to keep the setting at the city-mandated minimums of 68 degrees by day, 66 by night.

But some tenants like it much toastier. They say they're uncomfortable all winter long and have to use their oven or turn on a steamy shower as a secondary heat source.

The complaints pile in, and sometimes the city is asked to investigate.

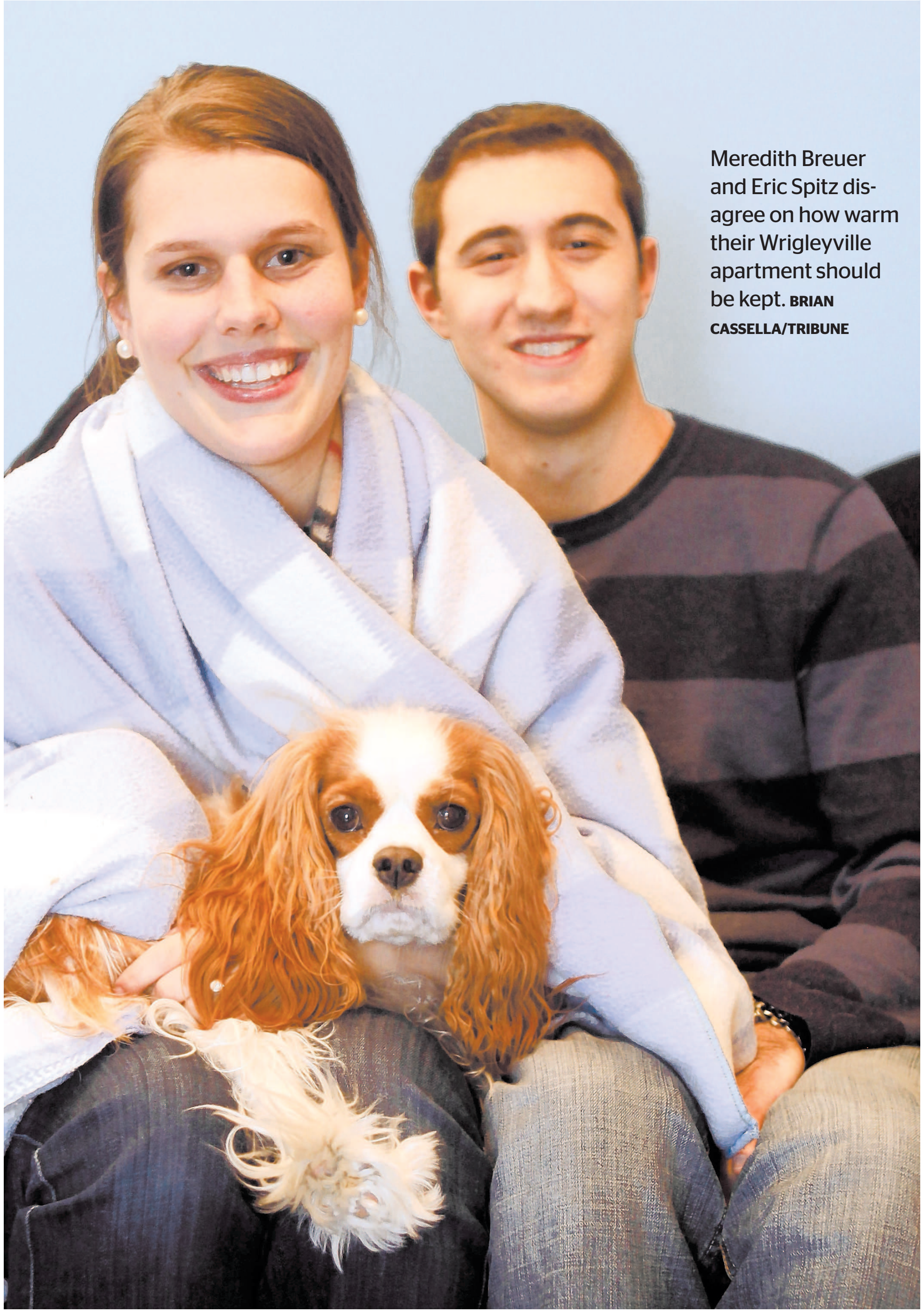
Bill McCaffrey, spokesman for Chicago's Department of Buildings, said the city has checked out more than 3,200 complaints about heat since September, down this year because of a relatively balmy autumn. Of this year's complaints, fewer than 20 percent had merit, he said, meaning the heat was just fine by city standards.

HOT MUSCLES

So why do the heat wars mostly seem to be battles between the sexes?

Dr. Ronnie Mandal, who specializes in internal medicine at Swedish Covenant Hospital, addressed the conflict among couples by noting that men have more muscle mass, causing them to create more heat than women.

"We know that muscle burns more calories—that alone lends itself to creating more heat," Mandal said. So, men often are hotter than women, so to speak.



Meredith Breuer and Eric Spitz disagree on how warm their Wrigleyville apartment should be kept. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

$140K in jewelry reported stolen from East Bank Club

Chicago Tribune

Alexi Dohnal arrived at the East Bank Club Tuesday for a facial, changed into a spa robe and—without giving it a second thought—placed her 8-carat diamond ring and wedding band and her gold Cartier watch in a locker.

When she returned, she found the lock broken and her jewelry gone.

"My world was spinning, I was so confused," Dohnal said.

Her first thought was that an attendant had mistakenly forced the locker open and moved her things.

Dohnal said she went to the front desk but the staff knew nothing about anyone tampering with her locker. They called police.

She described the stolen items to police as a platinum engagement ring and wedding band bearing a total of about 8 carats of diamonds, worth more than $120,000, and a yellow gold Cartier watch with diamonds surrounding the face, worth about $20,000.

Police said the jewelry apparently was taken sometime between noon and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. No one was in custody.

Dohnal said she wore the jewelry every day and never would have thought it might be stolen in the upscale River North health club used by Oprah Winfrey and President Obama.

"It is a high-profile gym," Dohnal said. "Everyone has nice cars and there are a lot of housewives with big rings, so I don't really stand out … It is not a place where people are constantly clutching their bags or looking over their shoulders."

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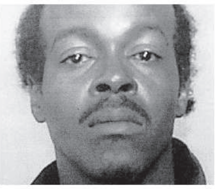


Crawford

Closing arguments in Crawford trial

An attorney for accused serial killer Andre Crawford made her closing argument Wednesday in Chicago. Crawford was arrested in 2000 and charged with the rapes and murders of 11 victims between 1993 and 1999. He also was charged with the rape and attempted murder of a woman who was savagely assaulted and left for dead on Thanksgiving night of 1997.

Dad charged with scalding his son

A North Aurora man accused of scalding his 20-month-old son so badly that all the child's toes had to be amputated has been charged with two counts of heinous battery to a child. The criminal indictment against Jason L. Barnes was made public Wednesday in Kane County court, where Judge Timothy Sheldon rejected a motion for lower bond for Barnes.

Pace spares some routes

Pace riders got a break Wednesday when the agency decided to scale back the number of suburban bus routes it plans to reduce in service or eliminate in February.
Instead of 51 routes, about one-fifth of Pace's system, the agency decided to cut or trim back service on only 24 routes, sparing 27 others. **TRIBUNE**

Andy Myroup works on building an ice rink Wednesday in the west parking lot outside Wrigley Field. The rink is set to open Tuesday. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

Take me out to the ice rink

Chicago Tribune

The usual sight of baseball gloves and cleats at Wrigley Field will be replaced this winter with mittens and skates as the city's newest ice rink opens next to the Cubs' home.

The Chicago Park District on Wednesday approved a permit agreement with the Cubs for the public ice-skating rink to open next to Wrigley Field on Tuesday. Called "The Rink at Wrigley," it will run through the end of February.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said longtime resident Susan Hagan. "I would personally like to see it turn into a cute little Wonderland town over there, with the holidays and everything."

Admission will be $10 per adult and $6 per child, officials said. Business leaders said they hoped the rink, at Addison and Clark Streets, will bring in much-needed winter customers.

"It's a win-win situation for the community," said Larissa Tyler, Central Lakeview Merchants executive director.

The rink would be run by Westrec, the firm that operates the city's other nine rinks, including Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park.

The estimated $300,000 cost of the rink will be split by Westrec, the park district and private donors. The Cubs are among the private donors whose contributions will make up that $100,000 piece, along with entities including the Blackhawks and McDonald's, said Mike Lufrano, a spokesman for the club.

He said the rink builds on the popularity of the Winter Classic held Jan. 1 at Wrigley in which the Blackhawks played the Detroit Red Wings. In the days after that game, thousands of people came to skate at the rink, but it was in place for only a limited time, he said.

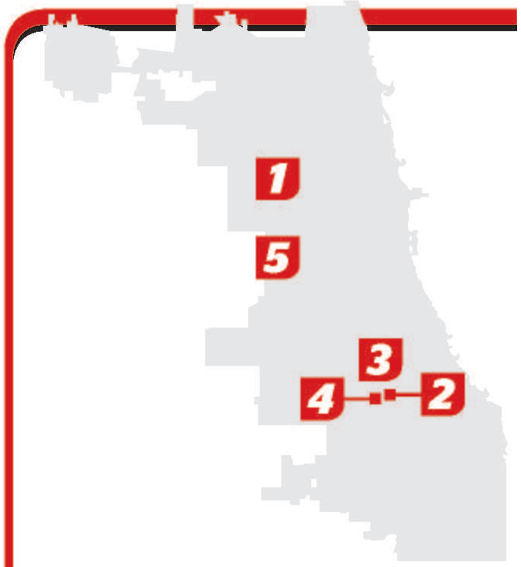
Quinn signs campaign reform bill

Choosing the symbolic date of the one-year anniversary of ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich's arrest on federal corruption charges, Gov. Quinn on Wednesday signed into law the state's first limits on campaign contributions.

"I think that last year at this very day was an alarm bell, as I said at the time, to the people of Illinois that there were serious, serious problems in our state government," Quinn said. "I think that did move everyone in our state, both in office and those who are the voters, to work together to get a lot of laws passed, a lot of reforms that frankly would not have passed a year ago at this time."

The idea behind the law is to limit the influence of money in politics in the wake of Blagojevich, who stands accused of trying to trade state actions in return for campaign contributions and benefits for himself and his family. Among the charges, prosecutors say Blagojevich tried to sell the U.S. Senate eat once held by President Obama.

Under the law, individual donors are limited to giving $5,000 each for the primary and general elections. Corporations and unions are limited to $10,000 an election, and political action committees cannot donate more than $50,000 per election. The law does not cut back the power of the four legislative leaders or take effect until after the 2010 elections. **TRIBUNE**



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

A 39-year-old man found dead after a fire in Englewood last week was the third victim of arson this year, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data.

Police determined the fire in the 400 block of West Englewood Avenue to be an arson, and the man's death was ruled a homicide.

This year, there has been one other arson case, a deadly fire in Albany Park in January. The fire claimed a 23-year-old woman and her 7-year-old daughter, according to police information.

Police last year confirmed one burn death of the 511 homicides recorded, according to a Chicago Police Department report.

Citywide this month, five homicides have been recorded. Police logged 29 homicides in December last year. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from Dec. 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday
(Note: All locations had one victim.)

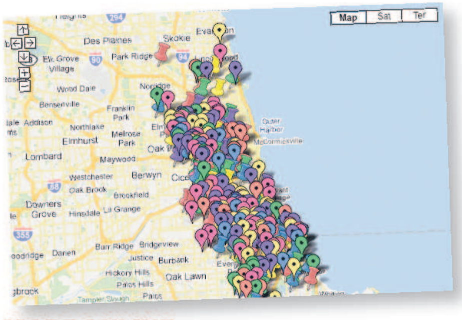
1 **1400 BLOCK OF N. KILDARE AVE.**
Date: Dec. 2 Cause: Gunshot

2 **100 BLOCK OF W. 74TH ST.**
Date: Dec. 3 Cause: Gunshot

3 **400 BLOCK OF W. ENGLEWOOD AVE.**
Date: Dec. 3 Cause: Arson

4 **500 BLOCK OF W. 75TH ST.**
Date: Dec. 4 Cause: Gunshot

5 **4300 BLOCK OF W. OGDEN AVE.**
Date: Dec. 8 Cause: Gunshot



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5 Americans detained

1 U.S. officials said Wednesday that five Americans detained in Pakistan are believed to be the same five young men that vanished from Washington, D.C., last month. One of the missing young men left a farewell video, officials said.

Tyler Perry's mother dies

2 Willie Maxine Perry, who helped inspire the character Madea played by her movie producer son Tyler Perry, has died. She was 64.

Winner declared

3 Former Georgia state Sen. Kasim Reed will be sworn in as Atlanta's next mayor after a Wednesday recount confirmed his slim margin of victory over opponent Mary Norwood. Norwood fell short of becoming the city's first white mayor since 1973.

Pet cemetery?

4 Authorities have found 22 more animal carcasses buried in a Long Island backyard. A month ago, 20 dead dogs were uncovered there. Authorities returned to Sharon McDonough's home in Selden. She pleaded not guilty to animal cruelty.

Dinosaur kidnapped

Organizers of the "Walking With Dinosaurs" show in Guadalajara, Mexico, say someone has walked off with a robotic baby **5** Plateosaurus. Spokeswoman Karla Arrollo says the remote-controlled dinosaur worth $25,000 disappeared after Friday's performance.

AP

Where the Peeps at?

6 It's almost Christmas, but one company wants its fans thinking about chicks and bunnies—year-round. Just Born, maker of the chick- and bunny-shaped marshmallow Easter favorites called Peeps, is officially opening the first store devoted to them Thursday. The shop, in a mall near Washington, D.C., sells 850 different Peeps products, including plush toys, china and even a hand-blown glass Peep. "Our fans have asked us for years, 'What about a store?' " said Kathy Bassininski, who oversaw the creation of Peeps & Company stores for Just Born, based in Bethlehem, Pa.

Black eye for Homeland Security

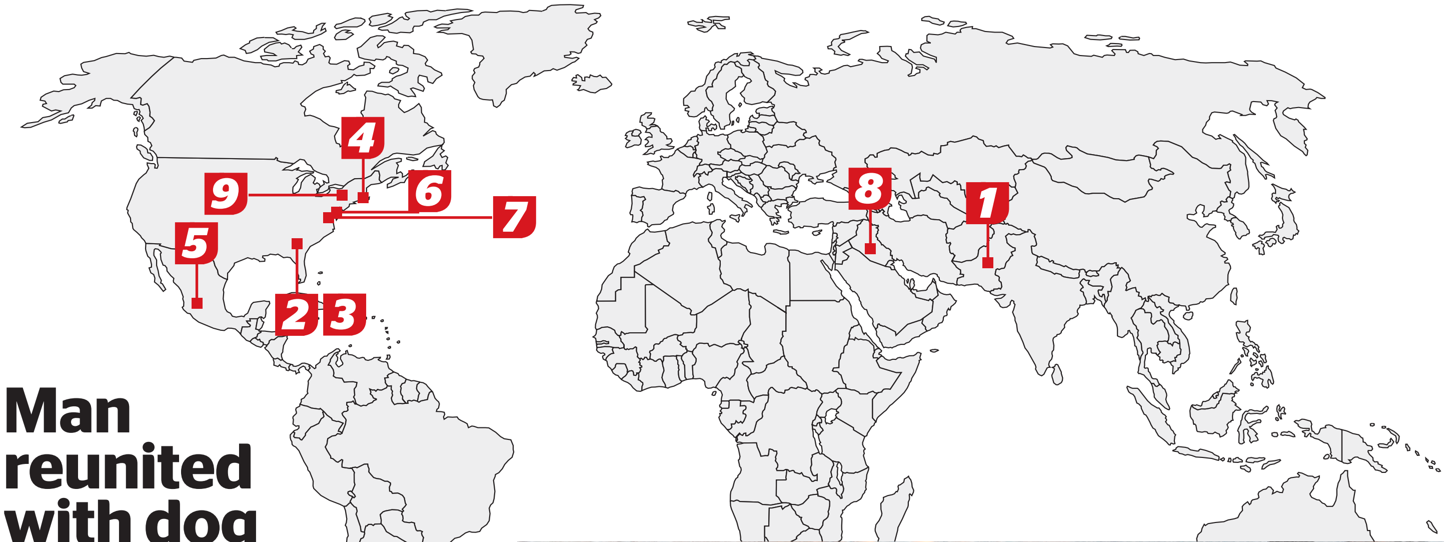
7 **WASHINGTON** Five Transportation Security Administration employees have been placed on administrative leave since it was discovered that sensitive guidelines about airport passenger screening were posted on the Internet.

The move was disclosed as senators questioned administration officials Wednesday about the second embarrassing security flap at the Homeland Security Department in as many weeks. The Secret Service, also part of the sprawling department, is investigating how a couple of would-be reality TV stars were able to get into a White House state dinner without an invitation.

Assistant Homeland Security secretary David Heyman told senators Wednesday a full investigation into the Internet security lapse is under way and the TSA employees have been taken off duty pending the results of that probe. He did not say how many employees were put on leave. A TSA official who spoke on condition of anonymity said five employees were placed on administrative leave Tuesday.

The Homeland Security Department has also stopped posting documents with security information either in full or in part on the Internet until the TSA review is complete, Heyman told the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee. The passenger screening document was improperly on the Internet in a way that could offer insight into how to sidestep security.

"Even what appeared to be an innocent posting to help federal contractors can have serious consequences for our security," Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) said Wednesday.



Man reunited with dog after bombings

8 **BAGHDAD** The owner of a dog that miraculously survived a massive bombing returned to his collapsed home Wednesday to be reunited with his pet, stunning neighbors who thought he was dead.

The dog was spotted chained to a roof railing and standing on a wall ledge over the collapsed home after Tuesday's huge blast near Iraq's Finance Ministry leveled shops and houses. The attack was part of coordinated bombings around Baghdad that claimed at least 127 lives.

"Lots of neighbors thought I was dead," said Farouq Omar Muhei after his dog, Liza, was carried down to the street and began lapping at a puddle.

Iraqi police and rescue officials initially said Muhei and his family were among the victims. But he surprised neighbors when he returned with his 14-year-old son, Omar, after being treated for cuts and other injuries. They were the only family members home at the time of the attack, and his whole family survived.

9 A fierce storm left dangerous ice, heavy snow and vicious winds in its wake as it slogged eastward Wednesday, snarling traffic and closing hundreds of schools from the Upper Midwest through New England. More than a foot of snow was expected in parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, where the National Weather Service warned of "extremely dangerous blizzard conditions" and near whiteout driving conditions. Above, a motorist is pushed back onto a road in Albany, N.Y., on Wednesday. AP

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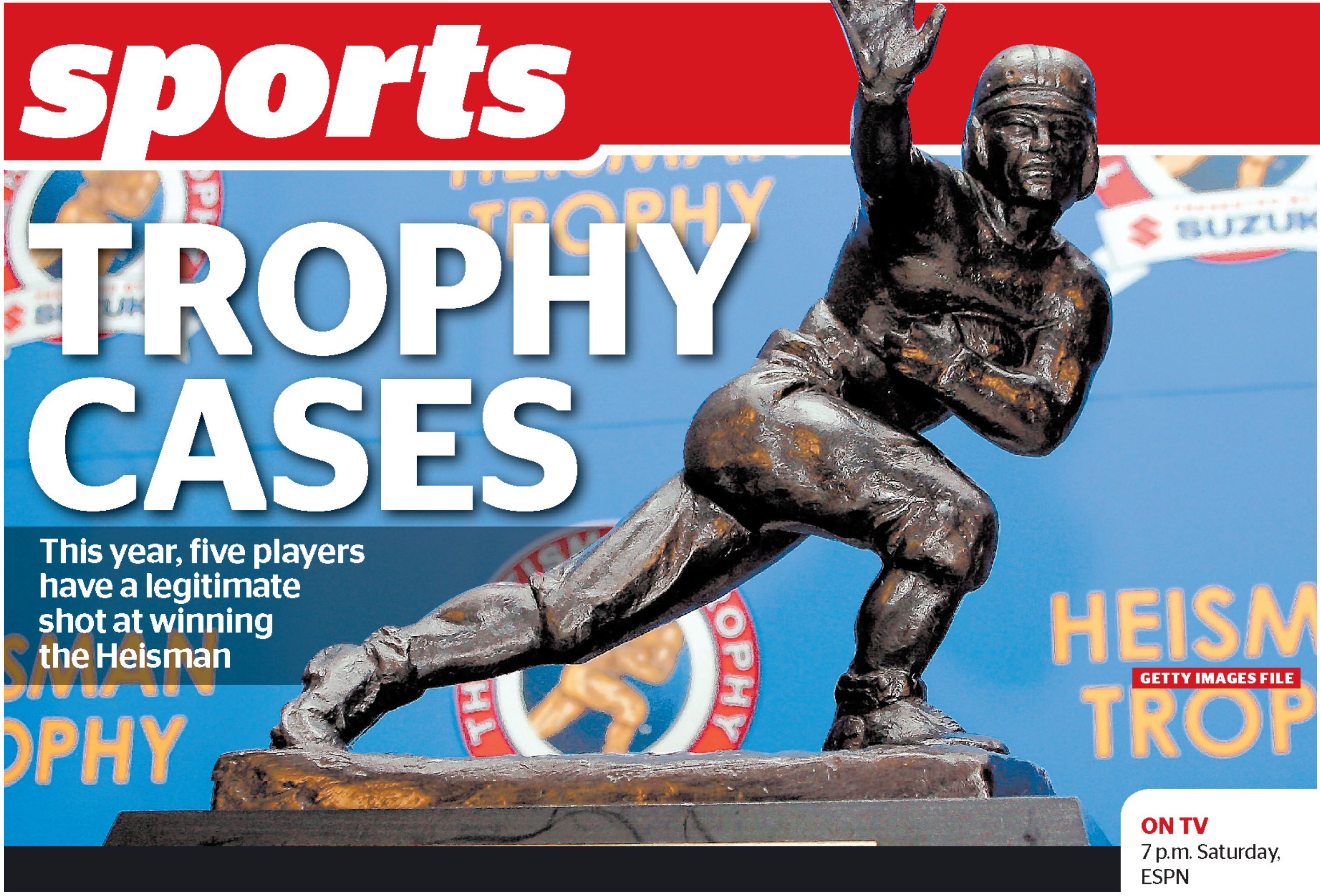

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This year, five players have a legitimate shot at winning the Heisman

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Most seasons the Heisman race is over by mid-November, with the front-runner clearly established and everyone else competing for second place. Not this year. In what many pundits are calling the closest race in decades, these five players all can make a case for taking home the coveted trophy, given annually to "the most outstanding college football player in the United States." A look now at the competition (in alphabetical order):

TOBY GERHART

Senior RB, Stanford

A bruising back with surprising speed, Gerhart led the country with 1,736 rushing yards and 26 TDs. But it was his final four games that made the nation take notice: 742 yards on the ground, 13 TDs—and a touchdown pass against Notre Dame.

MARK INGRAM

Sophomore RB, Alabama

Ingram carried the Tide all year, but saved his best performance for last: 189 total yards and 3 TDs against Florida in the SEC championship game. If he wins, Ingram will be the first Heisman winner in Alabama's storied football history.

COLT MCCOY

Senior QB, Texas

The Heisman runner-up last year, McCoy has won an NCAA record 45 games at quarterback—and he'll get a shot at one more victory in the BCS title game. McCoy threw for 3,512 yards and 27 TDs; he also rushed for 348 yards and three more scores.

NDAMUKONG SUH

Senior DT, Nebraska

Facing constant double teams, Suh was the most dominating defensive player in the country. He put on a performance for the ages in the Big 12 championship game against Texas: 4 ½ sacks, countless quarterback pressures—and at least one toss of Colt McCoy.

TIM TEBOW

Senior QB, Florida

Tebow was the first sophomore to win the Heisman when he took home the trophy in 2007. His numbers have been down this year (2,413 passing yards; 859 rushing yards; 31 total TDs), but he's still one of the best leaders the game has ever seen.

Green with angry

top ten chicago sports

MATT OLSEN
chicagonow.com/blogs

When the Packers come to Soldier Field on Sunday, so too will many of their green and gold faithful.

This bunch consists of individuals I wouldn't lift a finger for regardless of time or place. Why? Let me explain with the Top Ten Things We Detest About Packers Fans.

10 NO 'STYLE'
When your diet consists of Milwaukee's Best and bratwurst, it's no wonder Packer fans prefer an elastic waistband.

9 THE POLKA
Playing polka during a football game is as logical as having a franchise in Green Bay.

8 CHEESE
Choosing to base your entire fandom around cheese is like the Bears having Lovie Smith as a coach. Neither makes a bit of sense.

7 FROZEN TUNDRA?
Just a tip for all the Pack fans: Tundra is already frozen! You don't need to say it twice!

6 UNOFFICIAL COLORS
You might be a Packer fan if you consider your camoflauge or blaze orange hunting gear official team apparel.

5 FAVRE
Don't let them fool you. Pack fans still worship Favre—and anyone that does so is dead in my eyes.

4 BAD DRIVERS
I'd trust a Chicago taxi driver before a Packer fan. They make soccer moms look like they belong in NASCAR.

3 MAJOR TURN OFF
Bears fans would look at Gisele like she's Susan Boyle if we found out she was a Pack fan.

2 NEIGHBORS
Living so close to Packers fans is like living next door to your mother-in-law. They won't leave and they never shut up.

1 THEIR TEAM
They root for the Green Bay Packers. Nothing else matters.

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Pack attack

The hated Packers are coming to town this weekend—and we're betting it could get ugly. **Redeyechicago.com/5on5.**

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1 What are you willing to bet on Sunday's Bears-Packers game?	I bet I don't make it through the first half.	Not much. But I'm taking the Packers.	I'll submerge my head in a vat of Merkts Cheddar if the Bears lose.	My entire Five On Five salary. What's a couple mil between friends?	A dip in Lake Michigan on New Year's Day. (Bears win!)
2 Chad Ochocinco could use another fine. Give him one.	$164 for driving his mouth into a tree.	I would think the ultimate punishment would be a week as a Bears receiver.	Flagrant disregard of Spanish. It's ochenta y cinco, duh.	$20,000 for being more interesting and talented than every Bears WR.	For tweeting in his Snuggie?
3 How on earth did John Daly lose 115 pounds?	He pooped out Ryan Theriot.	The Tiger Woods workout.	He unhinged his snake jaw and regurgitated Michelle Wie.	Easy. He took all six bottles of Jack out of his pockets before stepping on the scale.	Chasing Tiger's transgressions.
4 The biggest news out of baseball's winter meetings is ...	... why did Arizona give up on Max Scherzer? Huge talent.	... that it's in Indianapolis. What, Ft. Wayne was booked?	... Hawk Harrelson's hair piece was designated for assignment.	... that the Cubs are looking to trade Milton Bradley. Whaaaaat? Love that guy.	... Milton Bradley will be available to skate at the new Wrigley ice rink.
5 The Fire had open tryouts this week. What position did you try out for?	None. I decided I was better off staying home and sticking hot needles in my eyes.	With Denis Hamlett gone, Bakary Soumare's sparring partner.	Director of Churros.	Ooh ooh, the guy who drives the fire truck!	Water girl.

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The Blackhawks' Kris Versteeg (right) moves the puck past a stick-less Michal Rozsival during Wednesday night's home game against the Rangers. **NUCCIO DINUZZO /TRIBUNE**

Blackhawks win in OT

Dustin Byfuglien scored 3 minutes 43 seconds into overtime to lift the Blackhawks to a 2-1 come-from-behind victory Wednesday night over the Rangers at the United Center. Jonathan Toews scored a power-play goal with 5 minutes 55 seconds remaining in the third to tied the game 1-1. Christopher Higgins scored in the first for New York.

NCAA looking at Tennessee

University of Tennessee officials say they are "cooperating fully" with the NCAA in its investigation into some of the school's football recruiting practices. The New York Times reported on its Web site Wednesday the NCAA is probing the use of hostesses by Tennessee to attract top players. The NCAA has met with four prospects and is expected to talk to two more this week.

Notre Dame backup plan?

Cincinnati coach Brian Kelly remains the favorite to be the next Notre Dame coach, but the school is protecting itself against unforeseen problems in negotiations by eyeing Connecticut coach Randy Edsall as a backup plan, two sources familiar with the situation told the Tribune.

Atlanta's Jamal Crawford (center) splits Bulls defenders John Salmons (left) and Brad Miller on Wednesday. The Hawks won 118-83. **MCT**

Look out Bull-o

Another night, another horrible performance

ATLANTA Just when Bulls fans thought it couldn't get worse, it did.

The Hawks trumped the Raptors in handing the Bulls their worst loss of the season, a 118-83 pasting Wednesday night at Philips Arena.

The Bulls have lost nine of 10, including seven blowouts.

Ex-Bull Jamal Crawford scored a season-high 29 points for the Hawks, who opened the second half with a 20-4 run.

The Bulls remained close only in the first period. Atlanta pushed its lead to double digits for good on a jam by Josh Smith with 5:17 remaining in the first half.

Smith had 18 points, including an alley-oop jam to cap the decisive 20-4 run and push the lead to 30 points at 76-46 with 3:35 remaining in the third period.

Derrick Rose led Chicago with 19 points. James Johnson had 17—all in the final period—and John Salmons added 16.

Kirk Hinrich, who missed six games with a sprained left thumb, returned to the court for the Bulls. He finished with no points, three assists and three turnovers.

MORE IS LESS

Here's more ammunition for people upset that the Bulls only have 13 players on the roster: Forbes Magazine released its annual NBA team valuations Wednesday and the Bulls rank third behind the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks.

The Bulls' value increased 2 percent to $511 million. The Lakers were valued at $607 million and the Knicks came in at $586 million.

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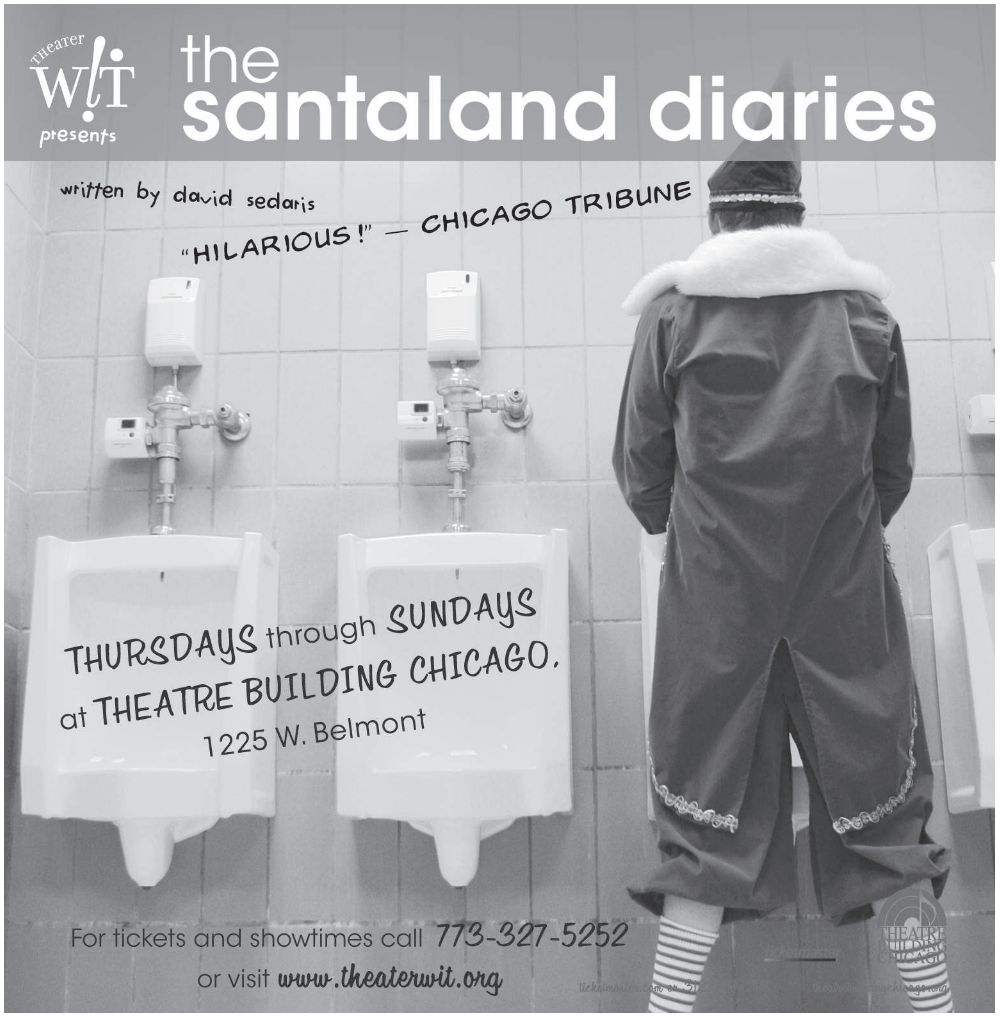
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:15,9:40
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- **Brothers** (R) ★ 5:10,7:30,9:50
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- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 12:20,2:10,2:50,4:45,5:20,7:20,8:10,9:55,10:45
- **Old Dogs** (PG) 12:50,1:40,3:20,4:30,6:10,7:10,9:00,9:45
- **The Blind Side** (PG–13) 12:40,1:30,3:40,4:40,6:50,7:40,9:40,10:40
- **Planet 51** (PG) 1:50,4:15,6:45,9:15

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Twilight: Moon** (PG–13) 12:30,1:00,3:30,4:00,6:30,7:00,9:30,10:00
- **2012** (PG–13) 12:45,2:30,4:20,6:20,7:50,9:50
- **Boondock II** (R) 5:30,10:50
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 1:45,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Men Who Stare** (R) 2:20,8:15
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 1:10,3:50,7:15,10:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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Glenn Beck's Christmas Sweater: A Return to Redemption - Encore (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.

- **Brothers** (R) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Everybody** (PG–13) ★ 12:20,1:10,2:50,3:50,5:20,6:20,7:50,9:00,10:20
- **Old Dogs** (PG) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG–13) 12:15,1:15,3:15,4:15,6:15,7:15,9:15,10:15
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG–13) 12:30,1:30,3:30,4:30,6:30,7:30,9:30,10:30
- **2012** (PG–13) 3:00,6:45,10:10
- **Pirate Radio** (R) 10:40 P.M.
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Men Who Stare** (R) 1:20 P.M.

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
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- **Armored** (PG–13) ★ 1:15,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:10,7:10,8:50,9:50
- **Everybody** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 12:10,2:40,3:10,5:20,6:20,7:50,9:00,10:25
- **Old Dogs** (PG) 12:20,2:50,5:10,7:45,10:15
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- **2012** (PG–13) 12:15,3:00,3:50,6:40,7:40,10:10
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:15,6:45,9:10
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
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- **Armored** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:10,7:10,8:50,9:50
- **Everybody** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 12:10,2:40,3:10,5:20,6:20,7:50,9:00,10:25

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CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Old Dogs** (PG) 12:20,2:50,5:10,7:45,10:15
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- **Planet 51** (PG) 1:45,4:00,6:50,9:20
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:15,6:45,9:10
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

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- **Everybody** (PG–13) ★ 12:20,2:30,4:40,6:50,9:00
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- **The Blind Side** (PG–13) 1:00,4:05,7:00,9:40
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 1:30,4:00,6:25,8:50
- **2012** (PG–13) 12:00,3:15,6:30,9:45
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00

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- **Brothers** (R) ★ 11:35,2:15,5:00,7:40,10:20
- **Everybody** (PG–13) ★ 11:50,2:25,4:50,7:20,9:50
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 12:25,2:50,5:25,7:50,10:15
- **An Education** (PG–13) 11:20,7:15
- **Bad Lieutenant** (R) 1:45,4:30,9:45
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 12:05,2:35,5:05,7:35,10:05
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Down with dinner! Brunch-focused spots are on the rise

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Gone are the days when the Bongo Room and Toast were the only brunch games in town. A strong set of new spots serving only breakfast, brunch and lunch stormed the scene in 2009, with three notable newcomers opening in the last five months alone. Add a couple of established spots that launched ambitious expansion plans this year, and you've got a head-spinning number of choices—especially for a Sunday morning. We're here to help.

	Nana	Yolk	Jam	Orange	Bakin' & Eggs
LOCATIONS	One	Two, with two more on the way	One	Four, with two more on the way	One
WHERE	Bridgeport (3267 S. Halsted St.), in the same building where owners (and brothers) Omar and Christian Solis grew up.	South Loop (1120 S. Michigan Ave.) and River North (747 N. Wells St.). The third is set to open in May in Streeterville; the fourth in October in the West Loop.	Ukrainian Village, in the cozy 38-seat space (937 N. Damen Ave.) that once housed brunch-focused spot Dodo.	Current locations include Lakeview, Lincoln Park, River West and Roscoe Village. River North (738 N. Clark St.) and Glenview outposts open within the next month or so.	Lakeview, tucked into a double storefront near the intersection of Lincoln and Belmont (3120 N. Lincoln Ave.)
HISTORY	The Solis brothers opened Nana, which they named for their mom, Maria Solis, who handles sweets in the kitchen, in late August.	Owner Taki Kastanis, whose family is behind Grandma Sally's in River Forest, opened the South Loop original in late 2006.	Jerry Suqi, former nightclub owner and the man behind Chickpea, where his mom serves amazing Middle Eastern eats, opened Jam in mid-July.	The first Orange opened in Lakeview (3231 N. Clark St.) about 10 years ago. The latest addition is the River West restaurant (730 W. Grand Ave.).	Husband-and-wife team Bob and Gina Hartwig (Gina co-owns Noble Square bake shop Lovely) opened Bakin' & Eggs just three weeks ago.
SIGNATURE EATS	Nanadict (a pupusa topped with chorizo, poached eggs and poblano sauce); chilaquiles; caramel apple pancakes (seasonal)	Eggs Benedict; bananas foster crepes; various takes on French toast, including pecan roll, cinnamon roll and orange bread versions	Chef Jeffery Mauro's seasonal menu changes regularly, but favorites include malted custard French toast and the double patty Jamburger.	Frushi (fresh fruit pressed with fruit juice-infused rice to resemble sushi); pancake flights; chai tea French toast, steak and eggs Benedict	Banana bread French toast; bacon waffle; five-strip bacon flights; all manner of baked goods and pastries, available for carryout
NEED-TO-KNOW	Nana uses about 95 percent organic ingredients. Waits average 20-30 minutes on Sundays; there's a grab-and-go coffee counter up front. No alcohol permitted.	Brace for waits of 20-45 minutes on weekends. BYOB.	Waits can reach 30 minutes on weekends—arrive before 9:30 a.m. to avoid the rush. Cash only. BYOB.	Weekend waits average 30 minutes and tend to be shortest at the River West location. Roscoe Village (2011 W. Roscoe St.) and Lincoln Park (2413 N. Clark St.) serve booze; Lakeview and River West are BYOB.	Waits reach 45 minutes on weekends. Consider a late-afternoon visit—it's open later than most brunch/lunch spots (5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday). BYOB.

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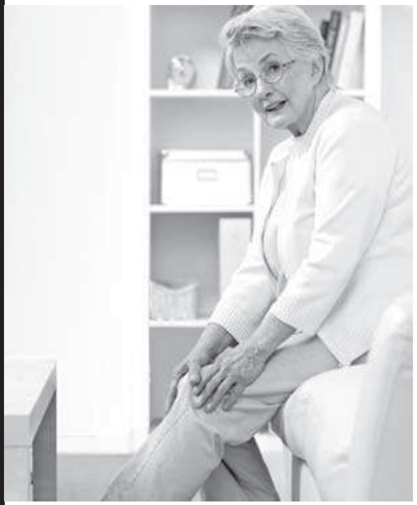

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BUCKTOWN PUB
Trivia 8:30 p.m. $6 Tecate and tequila shot combo; 1658 W. Cortland Ave. 773-394-9898.

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Trivia 9 p.m. $4 Blue Moon drafts; 15 W. Division St. 312-337-4349.

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$4 well drinks, free buffet (8:30 p.m.); 724 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-525-2593.

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$4 Absolut cocktails, buy two appetizers and get one free; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

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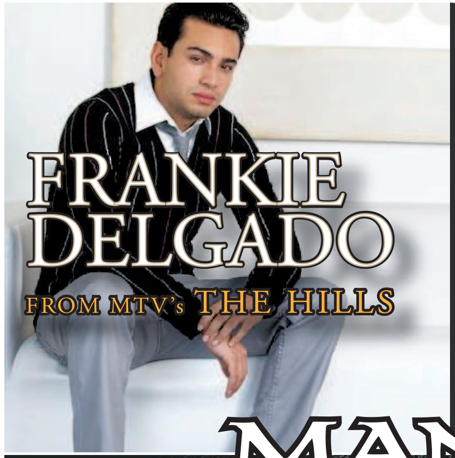
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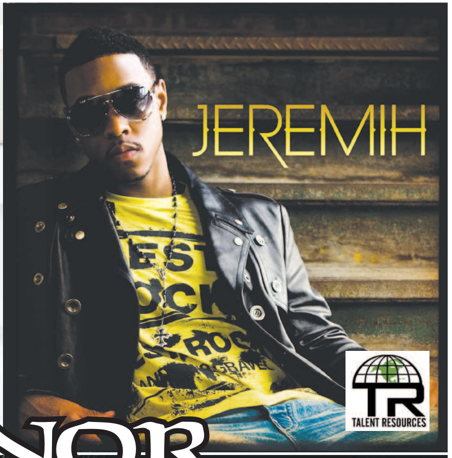
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By Emily Hiser Lobdell

Their eats: Nearly everything about Pilsen newcomer DeColores stays true to its name, which means "of colors," (it's also the title of a traditional Spanish folk song). From the location in a vibrant, art-focused neighborhood to the dining room stocked with local artwork, this two-story, 99-seat restaurant-gallery hybrid (the art's all for sale) is a bright, bustling haven on a cold December night.

Husband-and-wife owners Sergio and Priscilla Reyes opened DeColores six weeks ago with more than 25 combined years in the restaurant industry behind them—both worked at Priscilla's mother's restaurant, Taqueria El Sol Del Pueblo, in Bensenville, Ill. Their menu here is filled with family recipes handed down through generations in Mexico's Zacatecas and Michoacan regions. Chicken poblano mole ($13.50), doused in a complex, six-hour sauce made from more than 20 ingredients, is a signature. Other specialties include camarones diabolicos ($13.50, left), a fiery shrimp dish marinated in lime, habanero and red onion, served with poblano rice and salad.

Stop by the second Friday of every month during the Chicago Arts District's Second Fridays Gallery Night, when DeColores becomes an open gallery (6:30-10 p.m.) with music and free appetizers. This week the restaurant will serve complimentary Mexican hot chocolate. The second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., DeColores offers free cooking classes where you'll learn how to make quick eats like homemade tortillas and cucumber salsa.

Your drinks: Skip your go-to beer and try a michelada, a popular Mexican quaff usually made with beer, lime juice, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. DeColores sells a house-made mix ($2.50) that contains Worcestershire, hot sauce, pepper and other ingredients ("secret ingredients," says Reyes). The spicy concoction pairs well with seafood—try it with those camarones diabolicos.

Reyes suggests a dark Mexican lager such as Negra Modelo or Bohemia as a mixer; both are sold in six-packs ($8.29) at **F&R Liquor** (2129 S. Halsted St. 312-421-3031) just down the street. DeColores does not charge a corkage fee.

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- $15 Tito's Vodka Lemonade Pitchers

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- Brunch buffet: 10am-3pm, $10 per person
- $12 Miller Lite Buckets
- $15 Tito's Bloody Mary Pitchers
- $15 Tito's Vodka Lemonade Pitchers

3660 N. Clark St
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DISTRICT BAR

SATURDAY
- $3 domestics with a jersey on

SUNDAY
- $1 Coors Lt until kickoff
- $15 buckets all day
- Bloody Mary Bar
- $50 1/2 bottles of Jameson

170 W. Ontario St
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SATURDAY
- Michigan Football
- $8 domestic drafts in 32-oz mugs
- $6 Bloody Mary bar
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

SUNDAY
- ALL NFL action!
- $6 Bloody Mary bar
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MONDAY
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- $3 Bombs
- $10 Brunch Buffet

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- $3 Burger and Fries
- $5 Shrimp and Chips
- $3 All Drafts
- $3 Bombs

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- $3.50 Blue Moon Drafts
- $3 Coors Light Bottles
- $10 Big 10 Appetizer Platter

SUNDAY

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- $6 Bloody Marys
- $3 Miller Bottles

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- $6 Build-Your-Own-Absolut Bloody Mary
- $10 32oz Michigan Cup w/ $6 refills of Bud Light
- $5 Burger Baskets

SUNDAY

Eagles Football
- $6 Build-Your-Own-Absolut Bloody Mary
- $8 Domestic Pitchers
- $15 Domestic Buckets
- $2 Domestic Drafts
- $4 Well Drinks
- $4 Philly Cheese Steaks

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SUNDAY
- ALL NFL action!
- $6 Bloody Mary bar
- Brunch from 10am-3pm

MONDAY
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SUNDAY
- $15 Buckets
- $5 Bloody's
- $5 Bombs

MONDAY
- $2 Drafts
- $1 Mini Sandwiches

3516 N. Clark St
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SATURDAY
- $3 Miller Lite Pints
- $15 Coors Light Buckets
- $4 Captain Morgan Drinks
- $5 All Bombs & Shots
- Food Specials (until 5pm)
- $1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- $1 Cups of Chili
- $5 (10) Jumbo Wings

SUNDAY
- $2.75 Miller Lite Pints
- $14 Buckets of Corona or Corona Light
- $6 Bloody Marys, Margaritas & Mojitos
- Food Specials
- $1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- $1 Cups of Chili
- $5 (10) Jumbo Wings
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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- $10 pitchers
- $7 Breakfast Stack
- $7 Fried Chicken and Waffles

SUNDAY
- $5 Bloody Mary's
- $7 Mimosa Bar
- $10 pitchers
- $7 Breakfast Stack
- $12 New York Strip Dinner after 6

MONDAY
- $15 Coors Light Buckets
- $4 20oz Guiness
- 1/2 off Ultimate Grilled Cheese and Sliders

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SATURDAY
- Wisconsin Football
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SUNDAY
- Vikings Football
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- Brunch 11am-2pm
- $5 Bloody Marys
- $4 Mimosas
- $5 Bombs

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8 p.m. $18-$125. Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. 312-294-3000.

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COBALT AND THE HIRED GUNS, GOODBYE HOME, LEFT TURN AT ALBUGUERQUE, MATT RYD, DAVID KAV
8:30 p.m. $8. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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8 p.m. $20. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

EARS AND EYES FESTIVAL, TOMORROW MUSIC ORCHESTRA, LEAF BIRD, LOVE RAID
9 p.m. $8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

ERIC ALEXANDER QUARTET
8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

ERIN MCDOUGALD
8 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

EYTAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA, A & R
9 p.m. Free. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

GREGORY UHLMANN
9 p.m. $5 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

HATEBREED, CANNIBAL CORPSE, UNEARTH, HATE ETERNAL, BORN OF OSIRIS
4:45 p.m. $24.50-$27.50. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

HEADLIGHTS, MARITIME
9 p.m. $10-$12. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

IKEBANA TRIO
8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

The Cool Kids

IVAN NEVILLE'S DUMPSTAPHUNK, KATASTROFIST
9 p.m. $15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

JACK'S CHEAP CHRISTMAS, CHEAP TRICK, FRANK CALIENDO, THE DAN BAND
7:30 p.m. $10.43-$100. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 847-635-6601.

JAMES WHEELER BLUES JAM
9:30 p.m. $5. Rosa's Lounge, 3420 W. Armitage Ave. 773-342-0452.

JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD
9 p.m. $12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

JOHNNY RAWLS
9:30 p.m. $10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

JOY MISSILE, PARIS SCHUTZ BAND, VOICE BOX, SOMERSAULT FACTORY
9 p.m. $6-$8. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

KAISERKELLER, HOME GROAN, THE WET BANDITS
9 p.m. $7. The Kinetic Playground, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483.

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9 p.m. $8. Pops for Champagne, 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

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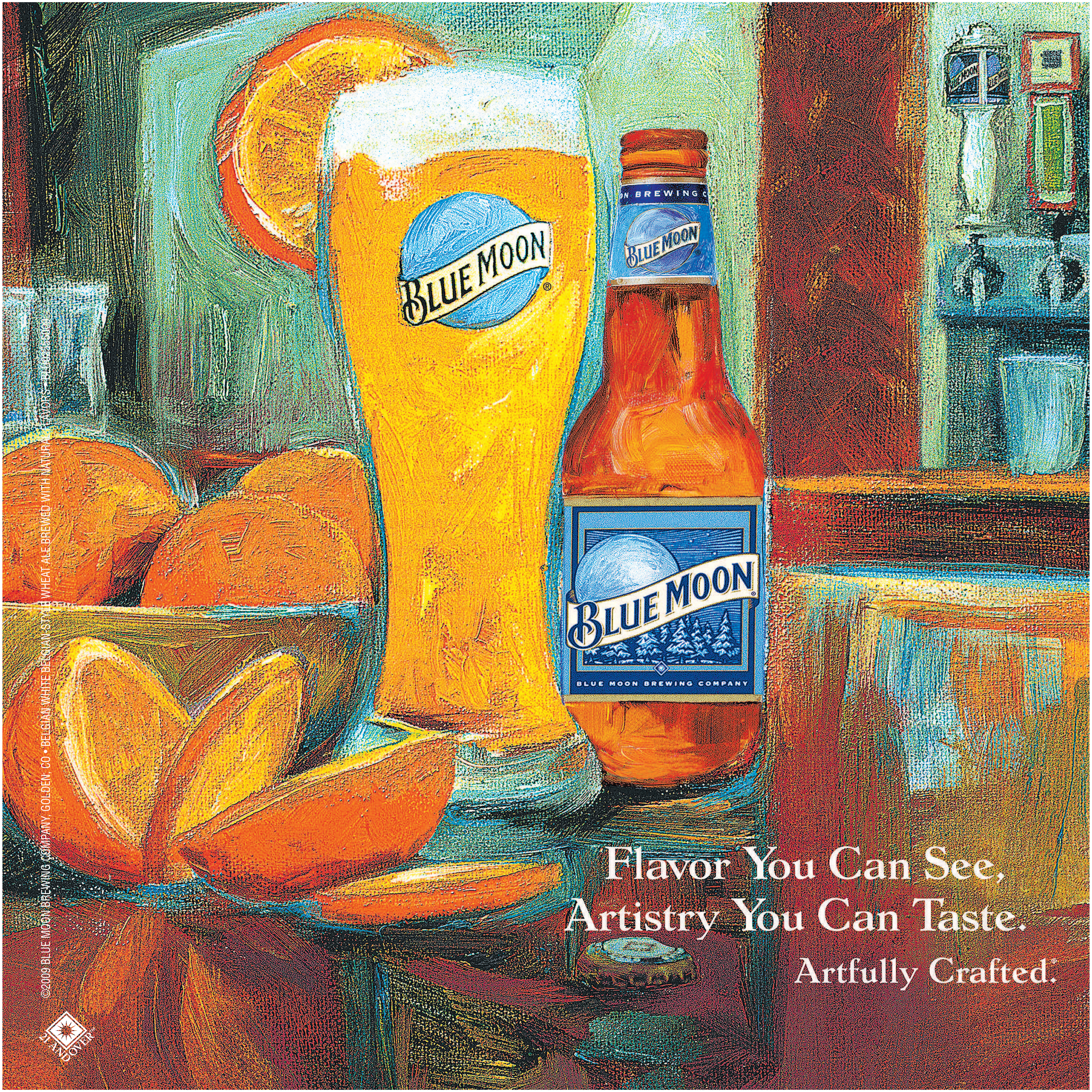
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By Matt Kuhnen
FOR REDEYE

Although Chicago hardcore rockers Janus have been making music for the last two and a half years, none of it saw the light of day until a few months ago.

"We put some demos together rather quickly and started shopping around and playing showcases and just really gunning for a record deal," singer David Scotney said. "We weren't very happy with the demos, and we just decided to put the brakes on and really focus on making a record for ourselves and doing it ourselves the right way."

Janus remained tucked away in the studio for about a year, doing everything from producing and engineering to songwriting and even branding themselves as "the next thing" in the hardcore rock music scene.

"'Red right return' is an old nautical phrase that was used to ensure a safe return home," Scotney said, "which was a perfect metaphor for us—to return to what we knew best and make a record for ourselves and not really get wrapped up in what other bands in the industry were doing to get signed."

The band's debut album, "Red Right Return," dropped in late September. Some might call it a concept album, because band members chose each song specifically to set a mood and maintain an overall theme.

"We say the sound of the album is heavy rock, but we try to incorporate a lot of different influences," Scotney said. "One thing we're not really afraid to use is technology in both songwriting and recording."

A timpani roll? A glockenspiel? Band members used whatever moved them, he said, adding, "We took off the blinders and were not concerned with genres or what radio markets we would fit into and just decided to write what we thought would be the best rock record."

As a result of the band's relentless work in the studio and their hunger for success, several labels offered deals. Janus signed with REALID Records, which is an independent label whose parent company is Warner Bros.

"Essentially they created the label around wanting to sign us," Scotney said. "They liked our music and the direction we wanted to take it, and they put the deal together with the plan to go to radio with our single 'Eyesore,' and so far so good."

Being the only band signed to the label, Janus already is proving to be a good investment. "Eyesore" currently is getting play on more than 40 stations across the nation and is climbing up the rock charts.

"It's a dream come true for me personally," Scotney said. "You put a ton of work into the music, and to just hear it on the radio and hear the DJ talk about it is awesome. It's great when you break into a new market and you do a show where you have never played before and the fans are there waiting. ... It's crazy!"

MATT KUHNEN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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What: Q101's Twisted Xmas with Breaking Benjamin and Sick Puppies
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Listen to Janus' "Eyesore" from "Red Right Return" at **redeyechicago.com/chitunes**

NEW RELEASES BY MATT PAIS

The Saps

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The Saps

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"Burn Bridges"
(Self-released)

Throbbing and sly, these locals' latest is a snarling rock beast that might attack if it weren't still feeling woozy from those last five beers. "Wait" is the lingering shout of a party that got started too fast, while "Stay the Same" rumbles forward as the line between sloshed and sexy becomes increasingly blurred. "Radio" is a pretty funny tribute to half-assed ambition, and "David Crosby" is goofy-but-still-catchy filler revolving around CSNY dynamics. The disc is culled from B-sides from 2007's "C'Mon Already Start a Fire" and teases to the new full-length, due in April. Hopefully the new record maintains this EP's furious mix of energy and the slightest bit of regret, where life is always an echo of the night before. Great line in acoustic closer "Piece of Glass": "Oh, what do I know/My body is fast but my brain's moving slow."
In concert: 9:30 p.m. Fri. at Beat Kitchen

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THE LOVE ME NOTS, THE HOUNDS BELOW, THE SIGHTS
9 p.m. $8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. **housecallent.com**

THE LOYAL DIVIDE, COLOR RADIO, THE ALPHA CENTAURI, FLIGHTS
9 p.m. $3-$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

LUIZ EWERLING AND A COR DO BRAZIL
10:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

LYON LEIFER
6:30 p.m. Free. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.

MUSIC IN THE AIR HOLIDAY CHORAL SERIES
12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission. Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-443-3600.

NORTHWEST INDIANA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
7:30 p.m. $10-$60. Star Plaza Theatre, 8001 Delaware Pl., Merrillville, Ind. 219-836-0525.

OPEN MIC BLUES JAM
8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

PINEBENDER, FIN FANG FOOM, ELECTRIC HAWK, OLD FAKE
9 p.m. $8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. **housecallent.com**

RED SERPENT
8 p.m. $7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. **mpshows.com**

RUSS PHILIPS EXPERIENCE
5 p.m. $5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

SOUL REVOLT, SIDEWALK CHALK
9 p.m. Free. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

THE VON EHRICS
9 p.m. $5 donation. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

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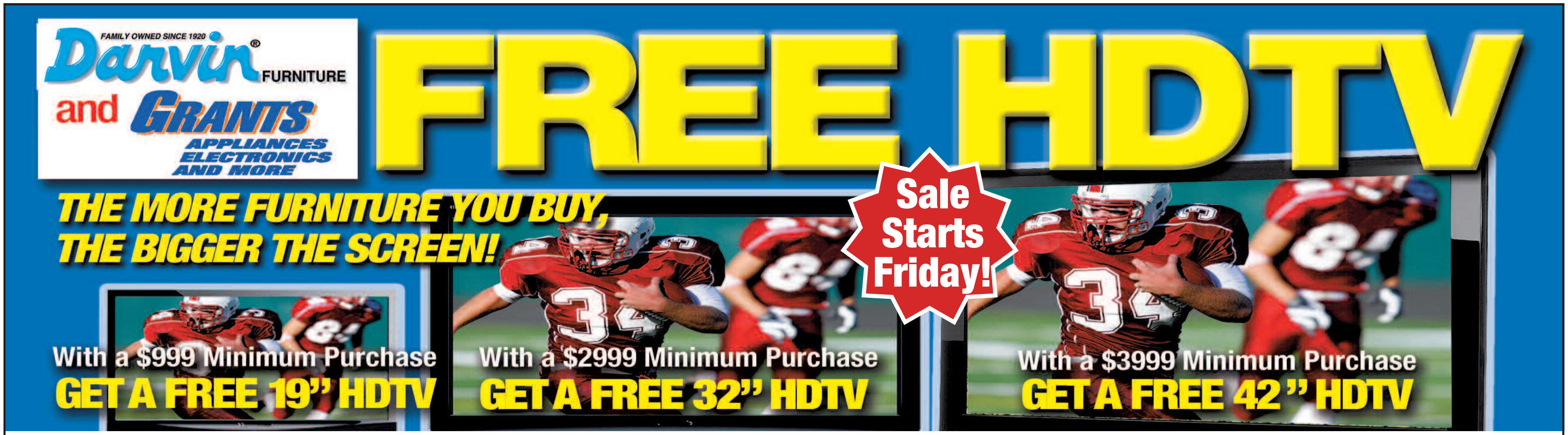
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When it comes to fabulous holiday gifts, sometimes all it takes to please your loved ones is a little outside-the-box ingenuity. We're sorry to report that Wolfgang Puck has proved resistant to being gift-wrapped and stashed under your tree, but here are several food-centric gift ideas, with variations in every price range. **MCT, AP, REDEYE**

The Chopping Block
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COOKING CLASSES

Various prices

Treat your favorite foodie to a cooking class by getting a gift certificate. Several Chicago stores, restaurants and grocers offer classes throughout the year. Search "cooking classes" at **metromix.com** for a bigger list, but here are four venues that are sure to have some themed, hands-on classes that will make your foodie happy. Most offer wine classes as well.

» Cooking Fools at **cookingfools.net**:
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» The Chopping Block at **thechoppingblock.net**:
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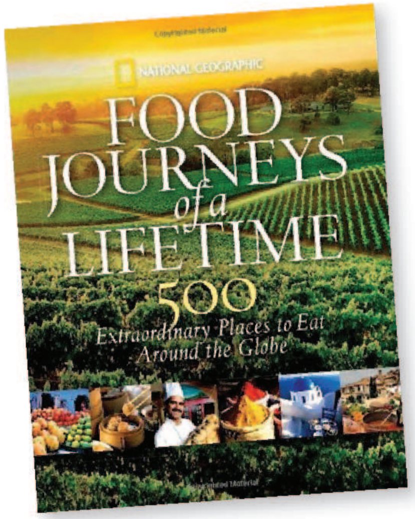
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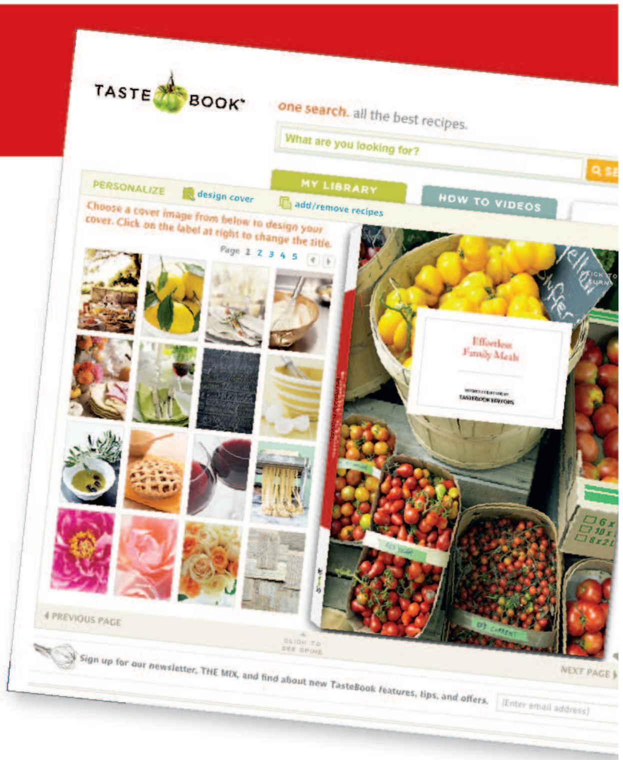
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PACK ’EM UP, SHIP ’EM OUT

The Washington Post

It’s thrilling to get a package in the mail, but not so great if the box looks as though it has been through the mulcher. Here are ways to make sure your holiday gifts get to their destinations in one piece:

THE BOX

Use a sturdy corrugated cardboard box that can handle being tossed about and is large enough to hold gifts, plus packaging materials. Also, avoid exceeding the box’s weight limit, which often is written on the box. It’s OK to reuse boxes, says Sharon Tennison, a U.S. Postal Service district communications spokeswoman. Just make sure they’re in good condition, and remove or cover old labels and markings with heavy black marker. Use two-inch-wide clear or brown packaging tape to secure the box.

PACKAGING

Place contents in the middle of the box and surround them with a couple of inches of packing material on all sides. “Oftentimes, people underestimate how much packaging” to include, says UPS spokesman Malcolm Berkley, but you want to minimize empty space so contents don’t move around. If you’re sending multiple items, Berkley adds, wrap each one in bubble wrap. It’s also helpful to nest like items such as bowls with a layer of bubble wrap, an old sheet or a towel in between, says FedEx packing lab manager Jay Gillman.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

These can be sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Sites such as **anysoldier.com** and **soldiersangels.com** can help. Basic necessities service men and women request include socks, toiletries, bug repellent, nonperishable foods, books and pads of paper to pass the time.

MCT FILE

BAKED GOODS

Sturdier treats such as sugar cookies and biscotti ship better, Gillman says. If your package will traverse multiple temperature zones, it’s best not to send foods that can melt. Use the fastest method of delivery so goodies arrive fresh.

For packaging, Gillman advises putting baked goods in a container with a lid, layering multiple items between sheets of wax paper and filling the container’s empty spaces with crumpled wax paper or paper towels. Then fasten the lid with packing tape and place the whole thing in a cardboard box with more cushioning around it. If you’re sending soft treats such as pies or cakes, freeze them first, he suggests. Then package them and freeze the entire cardboard box, if possible, before shipping.

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» First-class and priority mail: Dec. 21
» Express mail: Dec. 23

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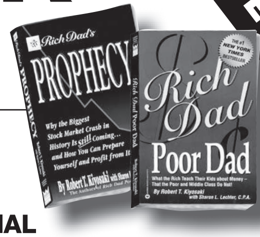

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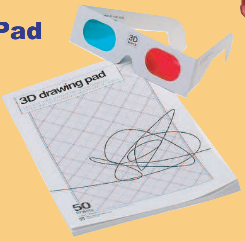

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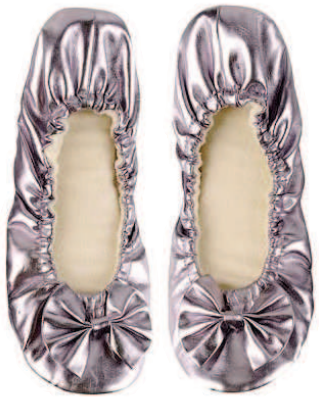

Looking for a practical yet stylish gift for your girl? Flat shoes make navigating the icy sidewalks at holiday parties that much easier, so check out these festive flats for her feet.

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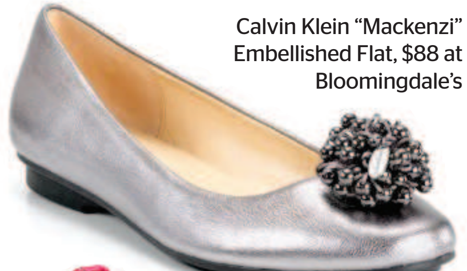
Metallic Slippers, $7.80 at Forever 21



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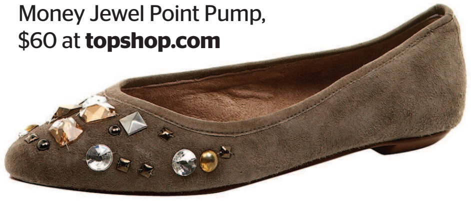
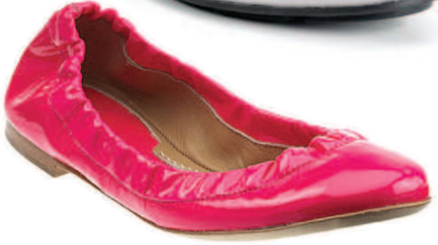
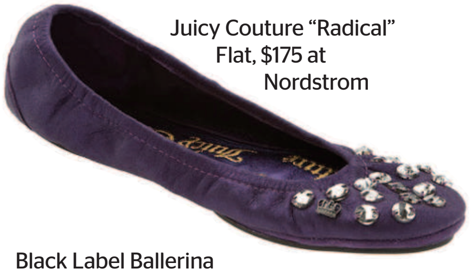


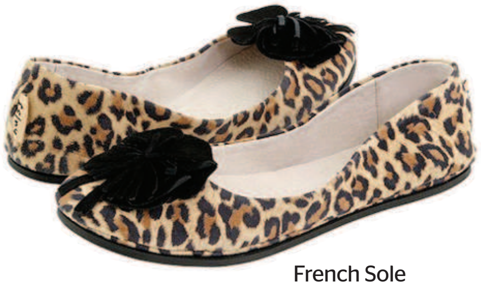
Money Jewel Point Pump, $60 at **topshop.com**



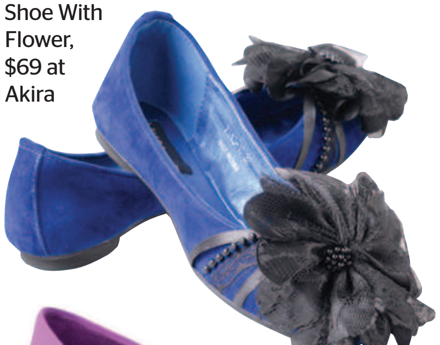
Nine West “Adila” Flat, $59 at Nine West



Juicy Couture “Radical” Flat, $175 at Nordstrom



French Sole “Tourist” Flat, $114 at **zappos.com**



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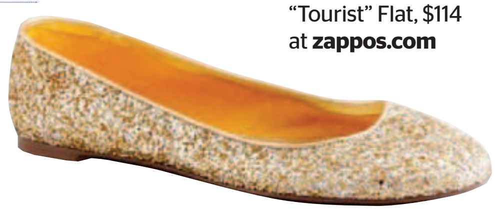
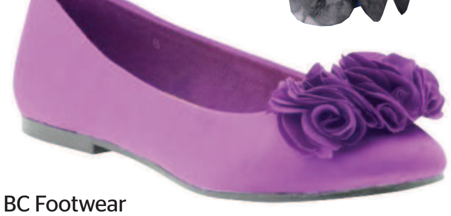


Starlight Glitter Ballet Flat, $125 at J. Crew



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FLIGHT 001

at flight001.com

The travel product company, known for its fun and stylish offerings, has:

» several funky passport wallets ($17) designed by the Anne Taintor vintage humor company
» brightly striped neck pillows ($20)
» a hanging toiletry bag ($28) designed by Hadaki, with geometric print on black with four zippered pouches
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TRAVELSMART

The newsletter's holiday catalog—click "Travel Merchandise" at **travelsmartnewsletter.com**—has many inexpensive gift items:

» an umbrella ($25) that folds up to just eight inches
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» a portable jewelry case ($21) that keeps necklaces tangle-free and earrings, pins and watches safe
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MAGELLAN'S

at magellans.com

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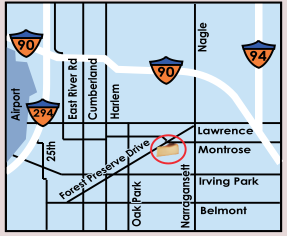

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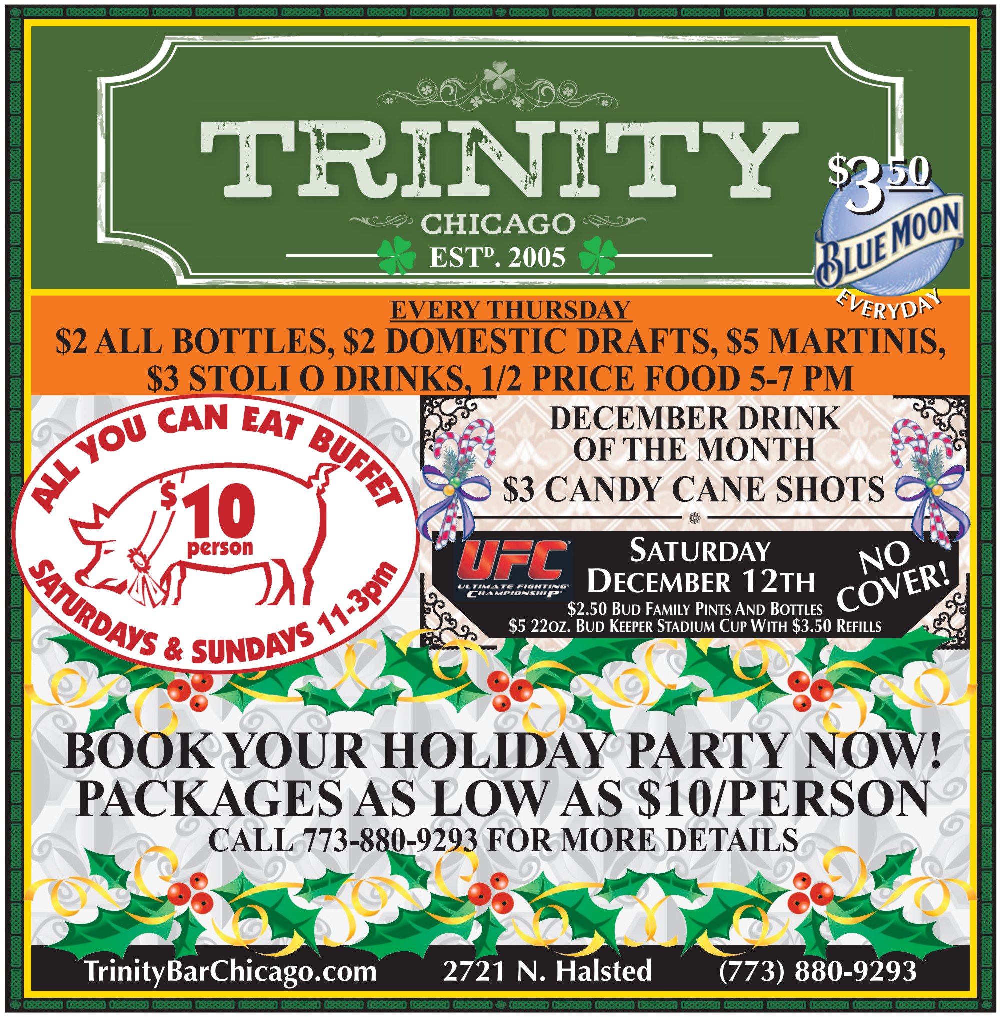

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① Arbor porcelain votive holders

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② Lacquer trays and boxes

Various prices at mgandbw.com

Practical and pretty. A great price too. Perfect for the gift-guide writer on your list. Other sizes and colors are available. Trays are $45 and $65, boxes are $38 and $57 at Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams.

③ Russel + Hazel Wood tape dispenser and Japanese masking tape

at Design Within Reach, dwr.com

Utilitarian and cool, these modern accessories will dress up any desktop. $24 for the tape dispenser; $12 for a set of three rolls of removable tape (available in 10 colors).

④ Cotton herringbone throw

$80 each at Timothy Paul Bedding and Home, timothypaulbedding.com

Who doesn't love a soft, cozy throw? Available in 12 colors, this could be the go-to item for multiple people on your list.

⑤ Guest soaps and bowl

$22 per box of 15 soaps, $30 per bowl at Valerianne, valerianne.com

This beautiful box of soaps is easy on the eyes and wallet, and the scent is spectacular. Whether or not they are paired with a bowl, they are quite possibly the perfect hostess gift. Other colors are available.

⑥ Whiskey stones

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SELF

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② Beryl's Crystal Chandelier Earrings. The earrings come in several colors and feature a teardrop outline of round cut stones with a larger round cut stone in the center. $24.99 at **emitations.com**.

GADGETS

Men's Health

*Check out the December issue or **menshealth.com/techguide***

③ Klipsch Image S4 Headphones. The headphones come with four different sizes of ear tips and work with iPod, iPhone and other mp3 devices. $79.99 at **klipsch.com**.

ELECTRONICS

WIRED

*Check out WIRED's full wishlist in the December issue or at **wired.com***

④ Power Smart Tower with iGo Green Technology. This surge protector comes with four "always on" outlets for devices requiring continuous power, such as an alarm clock, and four that will shut off once a device is charged. There also are two USB ports. $79.99 at **igo.com**.

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⑤ Lululemon Lucky Tote. The tote has an exterior water bottle pocket, a removable shoulder strap and water-resistant lining that wipes clean. It can even fit a 15-inch MacBook. $98 at **lululemon.com**.

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The Daily Green

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» The entire cast will appear onscreen together—a rare occurrence;

» Ryan O'Neal returns as Brennan's father;

» Series star David Boreanaz takes it all off.

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Zooey Deschanel
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SONG
'Cousins'

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VAMPIRE WEEKEND
COUSINS

Ivy League rockers Vampire Weekend have added some Elvis Costello angst to their Paul Simon-y world beat mix. The result is more interesting, bristling with way more energy than their debut, though the flamenco-punk guitar riffs offer a new way to annoy. In any case, Vampire Weekend is coming closer to living up to their hype.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

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Jo Malone Pine and Eucalyptus Soap Set

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When it comes to the ideal housewarming gifts, Jo Malone is a go-to for scent-sational candles. But a set of three soaps also makes a lovely little hostess gift, especially if you're traveling this season. While there are many scents to choose from, the pine and eucalyptus mixture is a festive holiday choice.

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'Groucho Bandit' pleads guilty in 3 holdups

The Chicago man dubbed "the Groucho Bandit" for robbing banks while wearing a fake mustache pleaded guilty today in federal court to holding up three banks.

Michael Staadt, 37, faces up to about 4 years in prison when he is sentenced by U.S. District Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan in June. He pleaded guilty "blind"--without a sentencing agreement with prosecutors.

Staadt's spree came to an end after it was noticed in one of his neighborhood bars that he looked much like a photo of the bandit. But after he was arrested and released to a center to receive psychiatric help, he allegedly committed another bank

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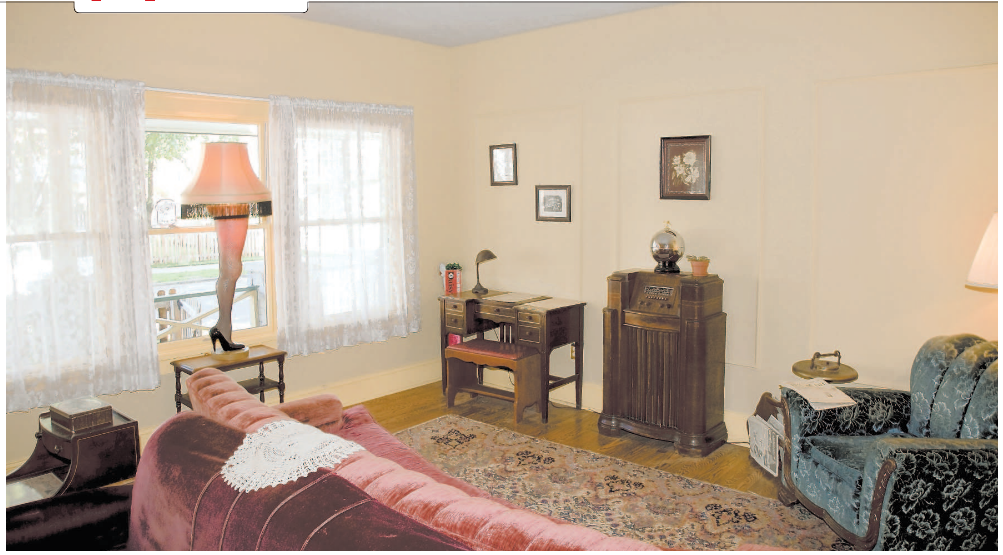

At the Cleveland house that appeared in "A Christmas Story," the Leg Lamp provides "the soft glow of electric sex gleaming in the window" of the living room. **PHIL MARTY FOR THE TRIBUNE**

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Chicago Tribune

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If your reaction is, "Huh?" then you must be one of the three people in the world who have never seen "A Christmas Story." The 1983 movie has become a cult classic to the point that the TBS cable channel every Christmas broadcasts it continuously for 24 hours.

Of course, if you've seen the movie as many times as millions have, you know that the film's main character is Ralphie, the 9-year-old who spends the movie plotting how to get an "official Red Ryder, Carbine Action, Two-Hundred Shot Range Model Air Rifle" for Christmas. And you know that Ralphie, his mom and dad, and brother Randy live in Hammond, Ind. And that Ralphie's dad won the Leg Lamp—a large, gaudy, mesh-stockinged gam topped with a tassled shade—in a newspaper contest.

So, why are all these people going gaga over this house built in 1895 in Cleveland?

Because it's the Christmas Story House, the house the movie's creators chose when they were scouting for the 1940s feel they wanted, according to Steve Siedlecki, executive director for the house and accompanying museum.

Truth be told, though, most of the movie was shot on a soundstage in California that was built to mimic much of this house's interior. But walk into this house, sit down on the couch, and you'll feel as if you're in the movie. Tucked away in a corner is the shipping box, labeled Fragile—"That must be Italian," said Ralphie's dad—that held the Leg Lamp.

Check out the upstairs bathroom and, of course, you'll find a bar of Lifebuoy soap, just like Ralphie had to chomp on after uttering the dreaded "f-word."

Californian Brian Jones bought the house, which had been "modernized" and was a rental duplex, in December 2005 after it was listed on eBay, and by the time he was done putting it back into a state that moviegoers would recognize, he had more than $400,000 into the project, according to Siedlecki. It opened Thanksgiving weekend 2006, and in August of this year it surpassed the 100,000 mark for attendance.

GO VISIT

A Christmas Story House & Museum is at 3159 W. 11th St. in Cleveland, about 345 miles from Chicago via Interstate 90. Information on tickets and hours is available at 216-298-4919; **achristmasstoryhouse.com**

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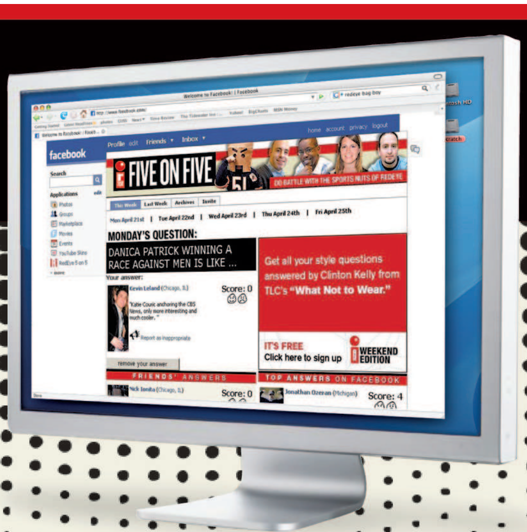

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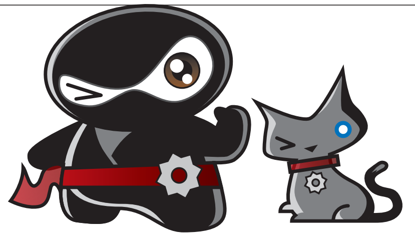

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ACROSS

1 Superior of a monastery
6 Close
10 _ muffin
14 TV's "The _ Bunch"
15 Theater box
16 City in Nevada
17 High-powered surgical beam
18 New Testament book
20 Organ of sight
21 Vipers
23 Dental filling
24 Necklace chain problem
25 Avid computer tech, maybe
27 Unusual event
30 Drinks like Fido
31 _ and con
34 October birthstone
35 Maximum allowed
36 Eminem's style
37 Closemouthed
41 "_ whiz!"
42 Consumed
43 Foreboding
44 In one _ and out the other
45 Told fibs
46 Pacific & Indian
48 Male offspring
49 Overlay with a thin gold coat
50 Mob
53 Luau dance
54 BPOE member
57 Newlyweds' trip
60 TV's "Perry _"
62 Toward shelter
63 Merit
64 Speak publicly
65 Nuisance
66 Elephant color
67 Find a new purpose for

DOWN

1 Qualified
2 Donkey's cry
3 Foundation
4 Lyrical work
5 Cruel ruler
6 Dozed
7 Jumps
8 Word of disgust
9 Peg for Tiger
10 Threshold of danger
11 Actual
12 "_ Karenina"
13 Too inquisitive
19 Nap
22 Word with milk or bean
24 Unit of weight, for short
25 Homeless boy
26 "Beowulf" or "Odyssey"
27 Cheek coloring
28 Sleep _; snorer's danger
29 Al Unser's car
30 Like school paper
31 _ donna
32 Poe bird
33 Unlocks
35 Old stringed instruments
38 Tune
39 Primary
40 _ the line; obeyed
46 Mideast export
47 Noise
48 Very pleasant
49 _ sack; burlap bag
50 Fellow
51 Acting part
52 Small bills
53 Israeli dance
54 Son of Isaac
55 Large quantity
56 Leg joint
58 Actress Ryan
59 Boatman's item
61 "_ you crazy?"

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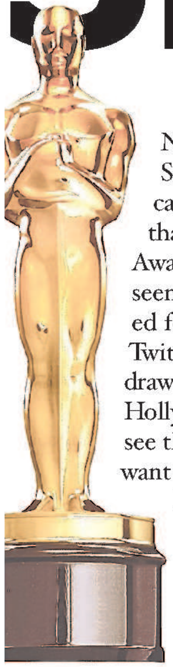


No one who saw Rob Lowe singing with Snow White at the Oscars several years ago can forget the awfulness. Fortunately, nothing that heinous has happened again, but Academy Awards show co-producer Adam Shankman seems to realize other improvements are needed for the annual snore-fest. He has asked his Twitter followers for suggestions on how to draw a big audience for next year's telecast. The Hollywood Reporter reports that most want to see the "Twilight" stars in the house and others want to see some "So You Think You Can Dance" hoofers perform (Shankman is a judge on that show).

But it's going to take more than that to turn the show into a ratings winner. Here are seven other suggestions to make the show zing. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKA, REDEYE**

Lambert
AP

Adam Lambert

1 His sexually charged American Music Awards performance gave that show a good kick in the pants. Let him perform all the Oscar-nominated songs with able backup from the "Glee" kids. **AP PHOTO**

Oscar reality

5 Viewers get to vote one annoying celebrity off the island, err show, in the final hour.

Neil Patrick Harris

4 Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin likely will be witty and sharp as co-hosts, but can't we get the divine NPH in there somewhere?

Harris
ABC FILE

Shorter

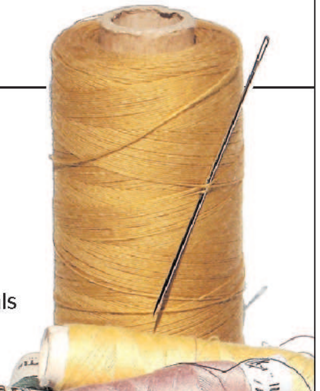
3 Every year, producers say they are going to make the show zippier and shorter, and it never happens. Focus, people! Cut out some of the boring categories (these could be handed out after the telecast, at someone's house before the show, in a bar, whatever). Dull, pointless montages also must be axed.

Clothing optional

2 Ryan Reynolds, Hugh Jackman, Matthew McConaughey and Taylor Lautner present an award—shirtless.

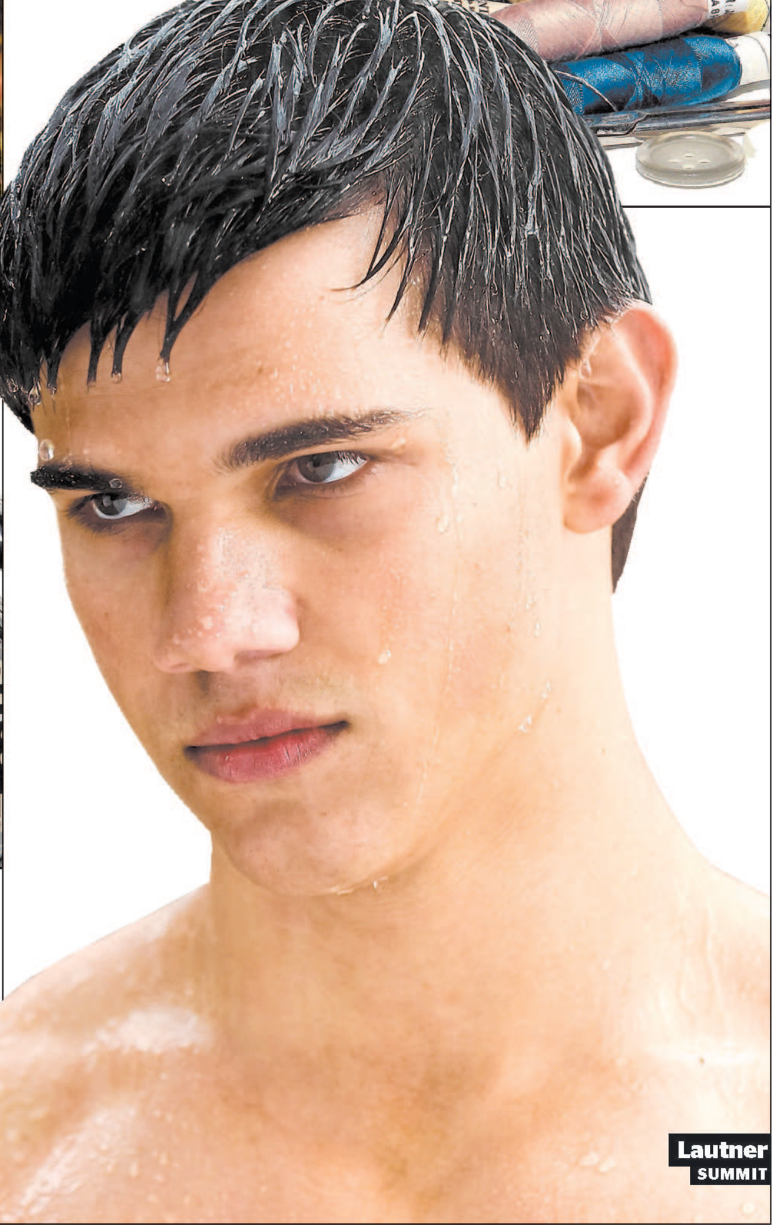
Bathroom cam

6 One always gets the sense that all the good stuff is happening backstage, in the can, in the smoking lounge, etc. Take us to those places with hidden cameras. Let's see these stars with their collective guard down.



Design your own dress

7 Every best-actress nominee must create her own gown from materials chosen by the "Project Runway" judges.



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Romo? OH NO!

Underwood
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Carrie Underwood still seems to be harboring some resentment toward Tony Romo. Underwood, who split with the Cowboys QB a couple of years ago, tells Esquire that her song "Cowboy Casanova" isn't about Romo. "No, I would never immortalize a guy that did me wrong. I would never give him that much credit."

Trapped in the Closet, Chapter 83

Now here's an autobiography that could be juicy. R. Kelly (right) will "tell it like it is" in a memoir scheduled for release in 2011, the controversial musician said Wednesday in a statement, according to the Associated Press. Kelly, who's never shied away from racy lyrics in his songs, was acquitted of child pornography charges last year.

HOT DATE

JUNE 30 **The date "Twilight Saga: Eclipse," the third film in the franchise, will come out in theaters and in Imax, variety.com reports. It will be the first "Twilight" movie to be released in Imax theaters.**

AP FILE

Best-dressed bundle of joy

Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady's brand-new baby—who remains nameless—already has scored a bevy of pricey swag. According to Us magazine, the list of baby gifts from well-wishers includes: a $130 vintage Little Levi's jean jacket, a $233 cashmere hoodie-and-pant set and a $55 set of Ugg Boo Boots. Careful where you're slinging that spit, small fry!

The new Jersey boys

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino says "Guido" is all about love.

One of the stars of the controversial reality show "Jersey Shore" is defending the practice of using the pejorative. "These days in New York and New Jersey, a 'Guido' is a good-looking Italian male that likes to have fun and a 'Guidette' is a good-looking Italian girl," he tells **ew.com**.

Meantime, another "Shore" man, Paul "Pauly D" Delvecchio is ready to show his junk in Playgirl, including his piercing. "I'm not shy," he tells **eonline.com**. Indeed.

Wanna find your own Jersey Shore moniker? Google "Jersey Shore nickname generator" and have fun.

Colin croons

He acts, looks awesome without a shirt and—sings?

That's right, Colin Farrell lovers. The smoldering Irishman takes the mic in "Crazy Heart," out Dec. 16, in which he plays a country music star. And according to **eonline.com**, he sounds damn good. Farrell did a great job of hiding his crooning abilities; E! reports his agent didn't even know he could sing. And it appears he's trying to keep it that way, asking for his name to be left out of the credits so he wouldn't "take the spotlight off" co-star Jeff Bridges.

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